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NATURE OF CALL: FALSE PERSONATION GRAND THEFT FORGERY

LOCATION OF CALL: GRANITE BAY

CASE NUMBER: 00-19205

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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

On 1-5-2001, Placer County Sheriff's Investigators arrested a man using the name Jon Stevens and living in Granite Bay on charges of burglary, false personation, forgery, and grand theft. The man is alleged to have diverted mail intended for a former Granite Bay resident, opening bank and charge accounts in her name and passing them through bank accounts he had opened in the name of a Folsom man who had died in June of 2000.

In August of 2000, a Granite Bay woman named Marion Adineh moved and requested her mail be forwarded to her new address in Maryland. Unknown to her, in October of 2000, someone filed a request to have her mail forwarded to an unoccupied Granite Bay house and subsequently stole mail intended for Ms. Adineh, including a bank courtesy check.

In October of 2000, the suspect forged Ms. Adineh's name and deposited a check for \$13,842 into a bank account opened on September in the name of John Sessergo. Detectives discovered that Mr. Sessergo had died in June of 2000 and in August, unknown to the family, the post office had received a request to forward his mail to another unoccupied residence in Loomis.

The investigation determined that after obtaining Ms. Adineh's mail, the suspect obtained a counterfeit Florida Drivers License and subsequently opened credit card accounts, a bank account, and obtained a post office box using her name. To date, investigators have discovered approximately \$25,000 in fraudulent credit charges, another \$8,000 in forged checks, and the investigation continues.

On October 30, the suspect attempted to open a credit card account at Home Depot in Sacramento and used his counterfeit Florida Driver's License in Marion Adineh's name. An employee at the store recognized the identification as being counterfeit, denied the application, and seized the license. Armed with the suspect's photograph and following up business address leads, investigators were able to identify a person using the name of "Jon Stevens" as being the suspect.

Although Stevens had been issued a valid Florida identification, detectives discovered he had also been using a social security number that had been issued at least 10 years before he was born. Investigators remained skeptical that the suspect's true identity had been discovered.

The investigation identified a Granite Bay address where Stevens was temporarily living and on January 5, Placer County Superior Court Judge Frances Kearney issued a search warrant for the residence and detectives arrested Stevens as he was driving from the residence.

Stevens was booked at the Placer County Jail where he remains in custody with \$75,000 bail set by Judge Kearney. Upon being booked, Stevens was fingerprinted and his true identity, John D. Olson with a DOB of 2-25-57, was discovered.



RELEASED BY Sgt. John Addoms

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